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SUBJECT: ABRASSIMOV INVITATION TO FRENCH, BRITISH AND US
REPRESENTATIVES

1. SOVIET EMBASSY HAS BEEN DOING HANDSPRINGS THE LAST TWENTY-
FOUR HOURS TRYING TO ARRANGE A LUNCH HOSTED BY ABRASIMOV
FOR THE BRITISH AND FRENCH AMBASSADORS AND US CHARGE.
BECAUSE OF CONFLICTING SCHEDULES IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE
TO FIX A DATE BUT THE SOVIET EMBASSY IS INSISTENT ON TRYING
TO GET THE THREE WESTERN REPRESENTATIVES AND THEIR WIVES
TOGETHER FOR LUNCH. THE SOVIET EMBASSY CLAIMS THAT SINCE
ABRASIMOV WILL BE OUT OF TOWN ON MARCH 23 AND THEREAFTER THE ONLY
TWO POSSIBLE DATES ARE MARCH 21 AND 22.

2. AT A MEETING LATE AFTERNOON MARCH 18 AT THE BRITISH
EMBASSY THE FRENCH AND BRITISH AMBASSADORS, WHILE MIFFED
AT THE WAY THE SOVIETS ARE PUSHING THE IDEA, WISH TO
ACCEPT THE INVITATION AND BELIEVE IT DESIREABLE FOR
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ALL THREE OF US TO ATTEND. THE GENERAL FEELING IS THAT,
FOLLOWING ABRASSIMOV'S LUNCH WITH AMBASSADOR WORMSER
AND ABRASIMOV'S EARLIER PRESS CONFERENCE, ABRASIMOV
MAY HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY ON BERLIN. IT WAS THOUGHT
THAT HE MIGHT SOMEHOW RAISE THE SUBJECT OF ALLIED
PATROLS. ALL THREE OF US REALIZE THIS DOES NOT FALL
WITHIN OUR COMPETENCE, BUT FEEL THAT, BECAUSE OF

SOVIET INSISTENCE, THERE MUST BE SOME POINT THAT ABRASIMOV WISHES TO MAKE AND THAT IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE HEARING HIM OUT. I TOLD THE BRITISH AND FRENCH AMBASSADORS THAT WE HERE HAVE STUCK VERY CLOSELY TO THE LINE THAT WE HAVE NO COMPETENCE ON BERLIN MATTERS AND HAVE TURNED ASIDE ANY SOVIET EFFORTS TO DISCUSS THEM WITH US AND THAT, WITHOUT NEW INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT, THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE MY POSITION AT ANY LUNCHEON. I AM INCLINED TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION, ALTHOUGH THIS MAY REQUIRE SOME RESCHEDULING BECAUSE OF THE MARCH 21 LUNCH WITH GRUNERT. IF THE LUNCH DOES TAKE PLACE ALL THREE AGREED IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO LET ABRASSIMOV KNOW AHEAD OF TIME THAT WE WOULD EXPECT NO PUBLICITY BE GIVEN TO IT IN ORDER TO AVOID WRONG IMPRESSIONS BEING CREATED.

3. I WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE BY OOB MARCH 21 ON WHETHER TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION AND IF SO THE POSITION I SHOULD TAKE IF BERLIN QUESTIONS, AND PARTICULARLY ALLIED PATROLS, ARE RAISED. POLANSKY

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